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Lost Two Anchors.

Sch. W. H. Moody of this port, Capt. Andrew Gervensau, was at Portland Tuesday with 2000 pounds of halibut which she landed there. The craft also had on board 13,000 pounds of salt cod which she will bring to this port. The skipper reported very bad weather and heavy seas, the craft losing two anchors in heavy storms.

Fishermen's Unions.

The movement to form fishermen's unions in Newfoundland is spreading and properly managed will no doubt do much to improve the status of the "hardy toilers of the sea," and through them the community of the Island at large. A branch was lately formed at Argentia, and another at Marquis.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Benjamin A. Smith, LeHave Bank, 120,000 lbs. fresh fish, 1800 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Paragon, Quero Bank, 30,000 lbs. halibut, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Teazer, Brown's Bank, 15,000 lbs. halibut, 10,000 lbs. fresh fish, 2000 lbs. salt cod.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Tacoma, halibuting.
Sch. Agnes, halibuting.
Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges.
Sch. Rena A. Percy, Poston.

Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medium, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Blanche and Indiana are on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Victor is on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Thalia is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Boston.

Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Julietta, 2500 cod.

Sch. Mystery, 60,000 haddock, 6000 d.

Sch. Rena A. Percy, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 60,000 haddock, 6000 cod.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Slade Gorton, 25,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.00 per cwt.; large cod, \$5.00; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3.00; pollock, \$3.00; cusk, \$3.00.

Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Tuesday:

Sch. Maud S.
Sch. Mary E. Sinnett.
Sch. Lochinvar.
Sch. Marjie Turner.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie.
Sch. Mineola.

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Halibut Sale.

The fare of sch. Teazer sold to the New England Fish Co. at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

The fare of sch. Paragon sold to the American Halibut Co. at the same price.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Romance, Capt. William Corkum, stocked \$1300 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Sch. Slade Gorton, Capt. George E. Heckman, stocked \$1186 as the result of her recent haddock trip.

Mackerel Imports.

The imports of salt mackerel at Boston to date of the catch of 1908 are 41,082 barrels against 23,625 barrels at this time last year of the catch of 1907.

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SAW A WHALE

George Foster, a well-known Beverly fisherman, reports seeing a big 40-foot whale off Gales' ledge. While Mr. Foster was pulling his traps the whale came to the surface, spouted and spouted about for half an hour or so. Last summer a whale made lots of fun at the Willows, and it may be that this is the same fellow who is paying a winter visit.

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Nova Scotia Smelt Fishery.

The catching of smelts chiefly for the New York market is no new thing in the Maritime Provinces, and it is almost a matter of common knowledge that there is good money in it. Nevertheless, it has not received the general attention that might have been expected, and in Western Nova Scotia, at least it has been hitherto very much neglected.

It may be said that these fish are never presented here in such numbers as elsewhere, and that it would scarcely pay to make it a pursuit by itself. This, however, may be an error of judgment, such as has been noted more than once in connection with other branches of the fisheries, which were overlooked for years, and finally discovered by a sort of accident.

An instance of the kind is the abundant schooling of small herring around Nova Scotia harbors late in the fall. At all events, the matter is worth considering. In the eastern counties where smelt fishing has been more steadily followed, certain methods are employed with which we are not well acquainted here. This season a venture was made in Cape Breton, where there were seemingly small prospects, and yet it turned out extremely profitable.—Coast Guard, Clark's Harbor, N. S.

Fishing Facts and Fancies.

A large vessel of the trawling type was brought into Wick harbor recently by the Ringdove. The reason for her capture is a peculiar one. The vessel, named the Grotious, is owned in Grimsby, and manned by an English crew, but is registered at Ymuiden, Holland. The Dutch authorities object to craft using their flag which have no title to that nationality, and this boat, being owned in England, they have cancelled her registration.

Whaling sch. Valkyria of Provincetown, formerly of this port, Capt. John Cook, and sch. Gov. Russell, Capt. George L. Dunham, will sail about May 1 for the North Atlantic whaling grounds.

Whaling Vessels Heard From.

Advices received at Port Townsend state that Capt. Mogg and his crew of the sch. Olga of San Francisco, long thought to have been lost, are alive, and were at Point Barrow, November 1, 1908. The Olga was left ice-bound about 330 miles east from Point Barrow, and will probably prove a total loss. The craft was fitted out as a whaler, going to the Arctic for bowheads, but has probably not done much whaling, being principally engaged in scientific explorations.

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Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Yakima, haddocking.
Sch. Effie M. Prior, haddocking.
Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.
Sch. Ramona, haddocking.
Sch. Cecil H. Low, Georges.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges.
Sch. Theodore Roosevelt, salt banking.

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Large Dory Hand line Fleet.

Some of the Vessels Will not Sail Until Later in the Season.

Will Include Crafts From Bucksport and Provincetown.

Some of the salt bank dory hand-line codfishing fleet will begin to fit out the latter part of this month. These will be principally the larger craft, or those intending to make two trips during the season. The fleet as a whole will be considerably larger than last year, thus more than making up for the small size of the trawl salt bank fleet.

Some of the dory handliners will not go until quite late but already those who will are pretty well decided upon. April, May and June will see the most of them get away and a few late ones, looking for Grand Bank and Virgin Rocks fishing will go even later than that. Four of the craft that will go bank trawling first will shift over after their spring trips and join this fleet. Other late ones will be recruited from other branches of the fisheries.

The fleet from this port, as at present decided upon, will number 26 sail against 18 sail from here last year. Of these 18 sail last season three made two trips. The whole fleet last season numbered 28 sail, six going from Bucksport, Maine, and four from Provincetown. This coming season five will go from Bucksport and four from Provincetown, making the total fleet 35 sail, an increase of eight vessels over last year.

The vessels of the fleet from here are as follows:

Sch. Lottie G. Merchant, Capt. Louis Wharton.
Sch. Annie M. Parker, Capt. Angus Hines.

Sch. Maxine Elliott, Capt. Thomas Benham.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey, Capt. Hiram Forbes.

Sch. Tattler, Capt. Alden Geel.

Sch. J. J. Flaherty, Capt. Fred Le Blanc.

Sch. Dora A. Lawson, Capt. William Williams.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, Capt. Nelson Thorburn.

Sch. Norma, Capt. Colin Nickerson.

Sch. Arbutus, Capt. Alex Kemp.

Sch. Madonna, Capt. Selig.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D. Goodwin.

Sch. Aloha, Capt. John McInnis.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Forbes.

Sch. Elector, Capt. Daniel Rider.

Sch. Titania, Capt. Patrick Vale.

Sch. John R. Bradley, Capt. Peter Porthier.

Sch. Athlete, Capt. Leroy Spinney.

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton.

Sch. Meteor, Capt. Manuel Cayton.

Sch. Harry A. Nickerson, Capt. William Clark.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, Capt. Charles Rudolph.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell, Capt. Simon Hirtle.

Sch. Flirt, Capt. Robert Winslow.

Sch. Claudia, Capt. William Wharton.

Sch. Harvard.

From Bucksport, Me., schs. Elizabeth N., T. M. Nicholson, Hiram Lowell, William Matheson, Lizzie Griffin.

From Provincetown, schs. Lottie Byrnes, American, Monitor, Gladstone.

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Struck Red Fish.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, Capt. Frank Cooney, which is at Boston today with 11,000 pounds of fresh cod and haddock, has also 10,000 pounds of bream, or "red fish." She must have struck a regular school of them.

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DON'T BE AFRAID OF BENZOATE OF SODA.

Don't be afraid of benzoate of soda. The prominent scientific men who have recently concluded their researches and experiments for the government in regard to the effect of this drug in food products upon the consuming public, and also as to its component parts, have given their opinion that as a preservative, mixed with food, in proper quantities, it is not only not deleterious to the system, but is not by any means the menace to public health as Dr. Wiley, through the pure food act, as first passed, would seem to want the public to believe.

The government itself has recognized the findings of this board of distinguished scientists by adopting immediately its findings and promulgating them as a part and parcel of the act which first held the use of this salt to be harmful to the public health. In effect, this eminent board has practically said that benzoate of soda is harmless and the government has accepted their finding and incorporated it in its law and regulations made expressly for the benefit of the public health.

Here in Gloucester we know about benzoate of soda, but not so in every place in this country. They know about the pure food act and have heard that they must not eat anything with benzoate of soda in it. Now the latter fallacy has been exploded by men of highest scientific reputation and the government has rightly set about to undo, as far as possible, the damage caused by the first edict. This will go a good ways, but it will be quite a while before all communities are reached with the word that benzoate of soda, as a preservative in food, is harmless and that the products in which it is so used can be consumed with impunity and with no danger to health.

The public is only concerned in the controversy insofar as to know what is and what is not harmful to health, and having now the ruling, on such high authority, that benzoate of soda is harmless, they will be satisfied, as soon as they all learn of the decision and ruling.

That this salt is comparatively inexpensive, of good taste and a most efficient preservative, does not interest them to any great extent. They will be satisfied to know that it is harmless.

Benzoate of soda, as its name indicates, is a salt product by the chemical union of benzoic acid and sodium, as common salt, or chloride of sodium, is produced by the union of sodium and chlorine. Benzoic acid occurs in benzoin gum or gum Benjamin, and in certain other resins and balsams. It is used as a mordant in calico printing and in the manufacture of aniline blue. It is also used for medical purposes and as a preservative agent. For use in the arts it may be produced artificially by oxidizing benzyl chloride with dilute nitric acid. The acid and its salts, the benzoates of sodium, ammonium and lithium, are widely employed for diseases of the bladder and of the mucous membranes of the lungs, and as intestinal germicides. Taken internally it is said to have the property of preventing excessive bacterial decomposition. These qualities show the value of the salt as a food preservative.

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NEWFOUNDLAND CABINET.

The personnel of the executive of the new government of Newfoundland is:

Premier—Sir Edward Morris.
Minister of Finance—M. P. Cashin.
Minister of Justice—Donald Morrison.
Colonial Secretary—Robert Watson.
Minister of Agriculture and Mines—Sydney Blandford.

C. R. Emerson, Hon. R. K. Bishop, John C. Crosbie, M. P. Gibbs, without portfolios, and two portfolios outside the cabinet, William Woodford, minister of public works; A. W. Piccott, minister of marine and fisheries.

OCEAN CURRENTS.

Traced by Throwing Overboard Sealed Bottles with Records.

Ocean currents can be traced by throwing into the sea, at various points, sealed bottles containing records of the date and place at which they were abandoned. When these bottles are found on the coast or picked up by ships, they furnish data for the calculation of their probable course and the time occupied in accomplishing the journey.

The Hydrographic Bureau of the United States for the purpose of obtaining a great many such indications, from which a general scheme of ocean currents may be deduced, supplies ship captains with bottles containing blank forms on which the date and latitude and longitude of the place are inscribed when they are thrown overboard.

The captain of the ship Emma, Laurans has published in the Yacht a note on the wanderings of one of these bottles, which, thrown overboard by him on March 24, 1906, at 51 deg. S. lat. and 41 min. W. long., was picked up more than 30 months afterward on September 2, 1908, near Robe, in southern Australia, in about 37 deg. S. lat. and 140 deg. E. long., having travelled 14 degrees in latitude and nearly 189 degrees in longitude.

It would be very interesting to know the precise route followed by the bottle, but the precise route is never given by these experiments, as they are conducted at present. If all captains who find these floating bottles would set them adrift again after recording the place and date, more could be learned of their wanderings, and consequently of the course of ocean currents.—Scientific American.

TOO MANY HERRING.

Castine Fishermen Had to Let Them Out of Their Weirs This Year.

Fishermen of Castine found herring so plentiful in the fall that they were obliged to release them from the weirs and let them go out with the tides. Just above Castine at the entrance of the Bagaduce river, are six weirs, constructed on poles, spruce boughs and birch limbs. In these weirs there have been caught thousands of barrels of small herring which have been converted into sardines. The Tapley brothers of West Brooksville secured 20,000 bushels of fish in October and November. There are not less than 1000 fish in a bushel and this one weir must have taken 20,000,000 fish; the owners received pay for 20 tons. Most of the fish were taken on small steamers to Brooklin and Lubec, where they were sold to the sardine factories. As a result of the falling off in prices the packers at these places have been storing heavily and every available storehouse has been filled. The pack in 1908, however, was 22 per cent. less than the amount expected. The season officially closed on the last day of November. The decrease was due in a measure to differences with the fishermen during the early part of the season. The independent factories along the coast are said to have packed at least 90,000 cases, and have 300,000 cases in storage.

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LARGE FLEET AT BOSTON.

Market Boats Have Good Fares and Get Good Prices.

The market boats fishing up this way which are not at Boston today are indeed few and far between, for when the bell rang this morning there were 53 of them at T wharf, the largest fleet at the wharf at that hour thus far this whole season. There was not an off shore craft among them, so the boats owned the dock, and had the market entirely to themselves.

Most of the boats had only one set, but some had been out since the bad weather cleared and had got in two dips. These latter craft had the biggest fares, ranging from 10,000 to 16,000 pounds, sch. Elizabeth W. Numan being the leader, with the latter amount, while sch. Ellen C. Burke had 15,000 pounds. Among the others with good fares are schs. Yankee,

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Washakie, Rose Standish, Olive F. Hutchins, Warren M. Goodspeed, Mattakesett, Annie and Jennie, Mary T. Fallon, Mary T. Cooney, Manomet, Walter P. Goulart, Evelyn L. Thompson, Juniata. The others in have from 1300 pounds up to 10,000 pounds.

Most all of them, however, will fare pretty well, as all they can produce in the fish line are wanted today and the dealers are paying good, yes, fine prices. Haddock are bringing from \$3 to \$3.40, codfish from \$3 to \$5, hake from \$4 to \$6 and pollock \$3.

At this port this morning there are no arrivals with fares, this making the third day in succession that there has been nothing in. A few of the shore boats are in here and baiting up, and a few also went out early this morning, but it is doubtful if they get a chance to set, as it is blowing a pretty stiff northwest breeze outside this forenoon.

Some of the off shore vessels are looked for here and at Boston tomorrow. It is thought that they must have had some hard weather of late.

Change in Fish Prices.

At a meeting of the fisheries committee of the Board of Trade this forenoon the following changes were made in the Board of Trade prices: Large eastern fresh cod, \$1.55 in place of \$1.65.

Eastern market fresh cod, \$1.30 in place of \$1.37 1-2.

Western market fresh cod, \$1.40 instead of \$1.37 1-2.

Large fresh cusk, \$1.50 in place of \$1.60.

On the cull on fresh cusk, the large have formerly been over 30 inches. This was changed so that any over 28 inches would go as large.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Saladin, which discharged her cargo of frozen herring at New York is here this morning with a load of coal.

Sch. Mary E. Curtis, recently at Shelburne, N. S., with her foremast carried away and other damage, is expected here today in tow of tug Underwriter. The latter reached Shelburne, from here, Saturday morning, in a heavy northwester. The Curtis has 30,000 pounds of fresh fish on board.

Sch. Francis A. was at Yarmouth, N. S., a few days ago with 25,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Sch. Loren B. Snow landed 50,000 pounds of fresh fish at Shelburne, N. S., last week.

Sch. Montana was at Digby, N. S., recently, with 41,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The new sch. Albert J. Lutz landed 18,000 pounds of fresh fish at Yarmouth, N. S., Wednesday.

Capt. William Larkin is here to fit sch. Orinoco for salt banking.

Schs. Arthur James and Ingomar have been on the railways painting up and getting ready to fit out later for south seining.

Schs. Arkona, Smuggler and Theodore Roosevelt have sailed salt banking, making five of the fleet which have got away thus far.

The British sch. Clintonia has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at Boston and the British sch. Arginia which was chartered by Capt. Solomon Jacobs, has opened her cargo.

Sloop Magnolia of Provincetown is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. George Parker is on Burnham's railways.

Capt. Thomas McKenzie is at Boston, from Ragged Island, N. S., to engage in fishings.

Sch. Eva Avina, fishing on Middle bank yesterday, struck a regular school of skate and had 1000 pounds of them at Boston today, in addition to her cod and haddock.

Sch. Lucinda I. Lowell is on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins is on Burnham's railways, slicking up, preparatory to fitting for south mackerel seining.

Sch. Mattie Winship has been on Burnham's railways and is now fitting for Georges handlining.

Will Make One More Trip.

When Capt. James D. Goodwin came in Thursday afternoon with such a big trip in sch. Benjamin A. Smith, he expected it to be his last trip in the craft, but on Friday, while taking out the trip, he decided to go another trip, no time was lost and bait, ice and stores were hustled on board and the craft went out Saturday afternoon and by this time is probably on the fishing grounds of Little Le Have where Capt. Goodwin found fish so plentiful last week.

On the trip of over 110,000 pounds, a stock of \$2250 was made, the crew sharing \$47.

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Today's Receipts.

Sch. Georgianna, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore.
Sch. Massasoit, shore.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.
Sch. Hockomock, shore.
Sch. Stranger, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ida S. Brooks, haddocking.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, haddock-
ing.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, Boston.
Sch. Georgianna, haddocking.
Sch. Marsala, Georges.

Vessels Sailed Saturday.

Sch. Niagara, halibuting.
Sch. Arkona, salt banking.
Sch. Arthur D. Story, Georges.
Sch. Smuggler, salt banking.
Sch. John Hays Hammond, haddock-
ing.

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ums, \$2.00.

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and 9c for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1.00; salt haddock,
\$1.00; salt hake, \$1.00.

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cusk, \$1.50 for large, \$1.00 for medium
and 50c for snappers; haddock, 60c;
hake, 60c; pollock, 60c.

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to \$2.50 per cwt.

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Boston.

Sch. Rena A. Perry, 6000 haddock,
2000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Teresa and Alice, 4500 haddock,
1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Little Fannie, 2000 haddock, 2300
cod, 900 pollock.
Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 1000 had-
dock, 300 cod.
Sch. Victor and Ethan.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 11,000 had-
dock, 400 cod.
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 9000 had-
dock, 500 cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Juniata, 11,000 haddock, 1000
cod.
Sch. Valentinna, 7000 haddock, 2000
cod.
Sch. Florida, 6500 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Athena, 8000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Flaviola, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod,
1000 pollock.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 11,000 haddock,
3000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Matiana, 3000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Steamer Bessie M. Dugan, 2000 had-
dock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Ethel B. Penney.
Sch. Hortense, 6000 haddock, 1000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mary B. Greer, 3000 haddock,
1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 8000 haddock,
1000 cod.
Sch. Catherine D. Enos, 7000 cod.
Sch. Edith Silveira, 4000 haddock,
1500 cod.
Sch. Yankee, 11,000 haddock, 500 cod.
Sch. Washakie, 8000 haddock, 2000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Thomas Brundage, 4500 had-
dock, 1500 cod, 1200 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 8000 haddock,
2000 cod.
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 4000 had-
dock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 15,000 had-
dock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Mabelle Leavitt, 2000 cod.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 10,000
haddock, 1800 cod, 600 hake, 1500 pol-
lock.
Sch. Ida M. Silva, 2000 haddock, 500
cod.
Sch. Seaconnet, 5000 haddock, 500
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Motor, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Mattakesett, 10,000 haddock,
2000 cod, 2000 pollock.
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 5000 haddock,
6500 cod.
Sch. Hobo, 6000 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 1800 cod.
Sch. Sylvester, 4000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2000 haddock, 500
cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Julietta, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Viking.
Sch. Mary T. Fallon, 5000 haddock,
3000 cod, 2000 hake, 2000 cusk.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 10,000 haddock,
1000 cod.
Sch. Manomet, 8000 haddock, 2000
cod.
Sch. Clara G. Silva.
Sch. Sarah, 2000 cod.
Sch. Little Belt, 500 haddock, 2000
cod.
Sch. Rebecca, 4000 haddock, 2000 cod,
1000 pollock.
Sch. Nokomis, 5000 cod.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 6000 cod.
Sch. Liberty, 1200 cod.
Sch. Mary Emerson, 7000 cod.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 7000 haddock,
2000 cod, 2000 hake, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Dorothy.

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Haddock, \$3.00 to \$3.40 per cwt.;
large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.00; market cod,
\$3.00 to \$3.25; hake, \$4.00 to \$6.50; pol-
lock, \$3.00.

Good Stock.

Sch. Teazer, Capt. Peter Dunsy,
stocked \$1509 on her recent halibut
trip, the crew sharing \$36.60.

Sch. Paragon, Capt. William Hermon,
stocked \$2190 as the result of her re-
cent halibut trip, the crew sharing
\$54.15.

To Engage in Salt Fishing.

Quite a number of Provincial fish-
ermen arrived here yesterday to engage
in salt fishing, coming to Boston on the
Yarmouth, N. S., steamer and arriv-
ing here on the evening train.

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NEW USE FOR SEAWEED.

Process Which Fits For Use in the Making of Mattresses.

Two representatives of an American
mattress manufacturing company spent
a portion of the past summer on the
south shore of Northumberland Strait,
in the vicinity of Malagash and north
shore Wallace, Nova Scotia, investi-
gating the quality and quantity of sea-
weed, of which, during certain storms,
large quantities are driven ashore at
different points. As a result 130 tons
of seaweed, said to be of excellent
quality for mattress making, was
gathered, pressed and shipped to the
United States from north shore Wal-
lace. Hitherto only small quantities of
this material have been gathered for
fertilizing purposes, the rest going to
waste. This company purposes re-
suming operations on a much larger
scale early in the spring of the year.

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Caught Golden Haddock.

Sch. Little Fanny, Capt. Charles
Nelson, which was reported at T wharf,
Boston, yesterday, brought in a golden
haddock caught on Middle bank. The
fish was a regular haddock in all re-
spects save color, which was a hand-
some golden shade. Capt. Nelson has
been fishing from here 20 years and
this is only the second one of the kind
he has ever seen.

A Veteran Salt Banker.

Capt. William Clark, who will
command sch. Harry A. Nickerson
of this port, in the salt bank dory
handline codfishery this season, is a
veteran at the business, as he has
been going to the banks since 1867,
and for the past 26 years has sailed
as master out of Lockport, N. S.,
for the last 14 years going in vessels
for the firm of William McMillan.

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Norway Codfisheries.

The codfishing in Norway has
started in the Lofoten district and has
yielded so far about 2,000,000 cod which
is about the same quantity fished last
season at the same period. The exact
quantity caught amounts to 2,200,000
codfish, 1,200,000 fish against a catch
of 2,000,000, of which were prepared
into stockfish 900,000 at the same
period last season. The stocks of
the round stockfish in Norway are
practically cleared. Stocks on hand
are very unimportant, and a fair de-
mand would be likely to exhaust the
supply. None of the codfish caught
at this season of the year is made into
split fish.

Had 5000 Large Flounders.

Sch. Yankee, which had 5000 large
flounders on her last trip, brought in
1500 yesterday morning. Capt.
John T. Dench had left T wharf with
the Yankee last Saturday and fished
Sunday. Like the others, his trip
was small, only 12,000 pounds of had-
dock and cod, but the large catch of
flounders brought the receipts for his
trip up to that of any of the vessels
at the wharf.

Sale of Vessel Property.

Sch. Estelle S. Numan of Rockport,
34.86 tons gross, 33.15 tons net, built
at Boothbay, Me., in 1882, has been
sold to Mr. Rio, of the Massachusetts
Fish and Lobster Co. of Boston, and
will be used in freighting gasoline, etc.,
between that port and Provincetown.

Cured Fish Cargoes.

Sch. Lillian from Southwest Har-
bor, Me., and Rushlight from Beals,
Me., are at this port with cargoes of
cured fish, the former with hake and
pollock, and the latter with codfish.
These are the first cured fish cargoes
here for quite a while.

March 9.

Halibut War on the Pa-
cific.

Canada May Enforce

Claim on Hecate Straits
and Dixon Entrance.Result Would be Disas-
trous to American Fish-
ery Interests.

The great halibut war on the Pa-
cific coast is now being waged with
increased vigor, and added interest is
given to the case in point by the fact
that the Canadian Minister of Marine
and Fisheries is quoted as saying
that it is conceded that Hecate
straits and Dixon entrance as well
belong to Canada.

Vancouver, B. C., fishing inter-
ests were surprised to learn that its
own Dominion government has de-
cided under the treaty of London
when the Alaska boundary dispute
was settled, to lay claim to the wa-
ters of Hecate straits and Dixon en-
trance. Heretofore these waters,
which lie between Queen Charlotte
islands and the mainland of British
Columbia, have been regarded as an
open sea.

American halibut fishing steamers,
by the score, frequent these straits,
which are 50 to 70 miles wide, and in
which are the best halibut grounds
on the coast. American vessels
were not molested so long as they
kept outside the three-mile limit.

The following telegram has been
received by the Vancouver Board of
Trade from C. M. Hays, president
of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway,
whose western terminus is Prince
Rupert:

"The Dominion government is now
building a vessel and proposes to
rent another, providing the protec-
tion called for. The minister of fish-
eries also states that it is now con-
ceded that Hecate straits as well as
Dixon entrance belong to Canada."

Mr. Hays' statement is regarded as
official. If Canada enforces this rul-
ing, scores of vessels from Seattle
and Tacoma will be excluded from
the best fishing grounds in the north.

One of the New York fishing ga-
zettes correspondents, familiar with
the coast fishing conditions, writes
as follows on the matter:

"There has been a tremendous
amount of agitation in the last few
months in relation to the closing of
Hecate straits. The people of Can-
ada seem to take it for granted that
Hecate straits are closed waters, and
that the fishing that the American
halibut steamers are doing, and have

been doing for the past 15 years, is
illegal. We are continually spoken
of by the Canadians interested in the
fishing business and by the parties
in power as "poachers."

"For your information, will say
that

Ninety Per Cent. of All the Halibut
Caught on this Coast

by the fleet of steamers engaged in
the catching of halibut, is caught in
the waters known as Hecate straits.
It would, therefore, work to the tre-
mendous disadvantage, besides a
probable heavy momentary loss, of all
American owners of halibut steamers,
provided the straits are ordered
closed.

The Vancouver Board of Trade
members of Parliament from that
province, as well as the powers that
be at Ottawa, are alive to the advan-
tages which the Canadians would
have in case the waters above men-
tioned are closed, and there is a pos-
sibility that

Snap Judgment Will Be Taken in the
Case,

unless the American publications in-
terested in furthering the interests of
American fishermen get busy and de-
fend our rights.

"While it is perhaps true that there
are a number of halibut banks which
have not been prospected outside of
those in Hecate straits, and which
banks would undoubtedly be sought
after and fished if occasion demand-
ed, it would, after all was said and
done, undoubtedly make halibut fish-
ing by steamers for the American
concerns unprofitable. Hecate
straits seems to be so situated, geo-